

REMARKS

Supplemental to the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed on September 29, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants note that no claims are being amended, canceled or added. Thus, a listing of the pending claims is not necessary.

In Applicant's Amendment of September 29 (at page 7), Applicants stated that the WO '135 reference (WO 01/07135; Pisacane et al.) is not considered prior art to the present application, since the priority date of the present application precedes the publication date of the cited reference. Applicants enclose herewith a certified copy of the priority document for the present application: Japanese Application No. 2000-189614, filed June 23, 2000. Further, Applicants enclose herewith a verified English translation of Japanese Application No. 2000-189614. Thus, acknowledgement of receipt of the certified priority document and verified English translation thereof is respectfully requested. Further, declaration of benefit of priority of the June 23, 2000 date is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable action on the present application

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

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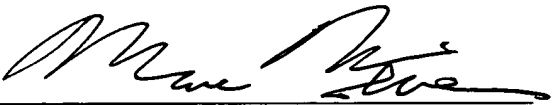
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees. However, since a full and complete response has been made to all issues as cited in the Office Action in Applicants' previous Amendment of September 29, 2005, it is believed that no fee is due for filing this Supplemental Reply.

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Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-189614

Verified English translation of Japanese Application No. 2000-189614